

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 67

By Littleton

A RESOLUTION to honor Tennessee's servicemen and servicewomen who lost their lives while serving their country as members of the Armed Forces by recognizing Tennessee's annual Run for the Fallen.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize Tennessee's servicemen and servicewomen who lost their lives while serving their country as members of the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the Honor and Remember flag has already been adopted by the State of Tennessee as an official symbol to recognize these men and women; and

WHEREAS, on Flag Day, June 14, 2008, a dedicated team of runners ran across America from Fort Irwin, California, to Arlington National Cemetery, one mile for every soldier, sailor, airman, and marine killed since the War on Terror began; and

WHEREAS, since that initial Run for the Fallen, over 50,000 participants and over 200,000 miles have been run in individual state Runs for the Fallen, and in 2014, the Honor and Remember and Run for the Fallen organizations were officially merged, both dedicated to the mission of paying tribute to military fallen heroes and their families across the country; and

WHEREAS, in Spring 2018, a second America's Run for the Fallen was successfully completed, beginning in San Diego, California, and culminating in Arlington National Cemetery, this run having passed through the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, beginning in Clarksville, on September 24, 2022, the Friday preceding Gold Star Mother's Day, and concluding at the State Capitol, on Sunday, September 26, 2022, Gold Star Mother's Day, the State of Tennessee conducted its first State Run for the Fallen over a course of roughly 140 miles, joining more than twenty other states in honoring and remembering

approximately 400 Tennessean servicemen and servicewomen who lost their lives while serving their country as members of the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to make this event an annual remembrance of those Tennessee servicemen and servicewomen who lost their lives while serving their country as members of the Armed Forces and to recognize this event and its participants; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we recognize Tennessee's annual Run for the Fallen, beginning in Clarksville, home of the 101st Air Assault Division of the United States Army, on the Friday preceding Gold Star Mother's Day, and concluding in Nashville on the Sunday that is Gold Star Mother's Day, with the raising of the Honor and Remember Flag at the State Capitol, when the runners reach that final destination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.